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Aruba welcomes the Royal Family



Her Majesty Queen Beatrix inspecting the Honor Guard of Dutch Marines

Island schoolchildren had the rare opportunity to see their monarch, Her Majesty Queen Beatrix, accompanied by HRH Prince of Orange, Willem-Alexander, with his wife, HRH Princess Máxima during the official welcome ceremony at the Government House yesterday morning.

Waving both the flags of Holland and Aruba, they cheered Queen Beatrix as she inspected an honor guard of Dutch Marines stationed on the island, and then retired to the offices of Governor Fredis Refunjol, her appointed representative on Aruba.

After meeting assembled parliamentarians, the Royal Family performed one more public parade down L.G. Smith Boulevard in Oranjestad to a chorus of island youth, as they made their way to the offices of

Prime Minister Mike Eman, adjacent to the Parliament.

Royal visits are a rare and memorable event for islanders, and they were literally "hanging off the lampposts" along the boulevard for a glimpse of the Royal Family, many of

them dressed in orange. It was a chance to demonstrate their affection for this very popular family, who stopped a number of times to shake a hand or say hello to their subjects.

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The Royal Family's arrival at Linear Park



Her Majesty Queen Beatrix, HRH Prince of Orange and HRH Princess Maxima of The Netherlands arrive at the Linear Park

Yesterday afternoon the Royal family visited the Linear Park.

The festive event at the Linear Park took place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. with display

booths showcasing the diverse cultures of many of Aruba's expatriate communities; Chinese, Filipino, Indian and people of the Dominican Republic, among others, will be demonstrating their food, handicrafts, music and performing arts.

Today, HRM Queen Beatrix will be escorted to Arikok National Park early in the morning, followed by a tour of the "Bo Bario" beautification project taking place in the Juwana Morto neighborhood of San Nicolas.

In the afternoon, HM Queen Beatrix and HRH Princess Maxima will visit the headquarters of "Fundacion Hende Muhe den Dificultad" (Foundation for



HRH Prince of Orange and HRH Princess Maxima

Battered Women) in the afternoon while the Prince of Orange addresses the Aruba Green Energy Conference at

the Renaissance Convention Center. In the early evening they will board a plane for Bonaire.



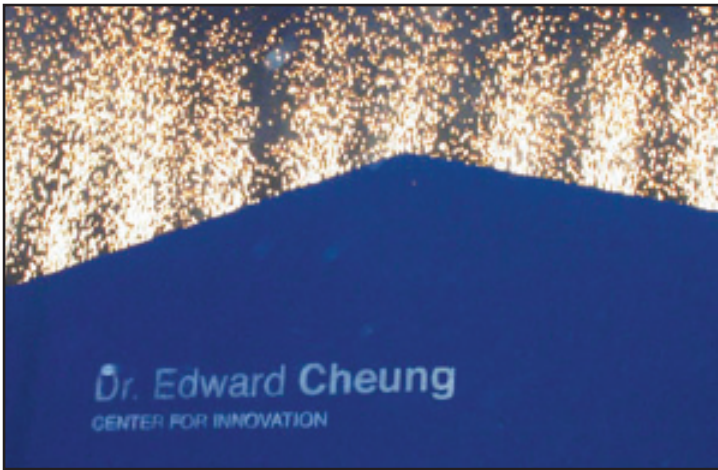
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Gala opening for the Dr. Edward Cheung Center for Innovation



One of the most anticipated events during the three days of the Aruba Green Energy Conference 2011 was the unveiling of the new Europe House/TNO headquarters located on the Sasaki Highway just outside Oranjestad. This landmark occasion not only heralds what will hopefully be the beginning of increased EU assistance and support of Aruba, but was also a tribute to one of its most accomplished native sons, Dr. Edward Cheung. Prime Minister Mike Eman and his cabinet uniformly expressed their admiration for the Aruban electrical engineer who has risen high in the ranks of NASA, and spent decades playing a vital role in the maintenance of the Hubble Space Telescope, as well as designing and developing some of the most advanced technology that enables the HST to de-

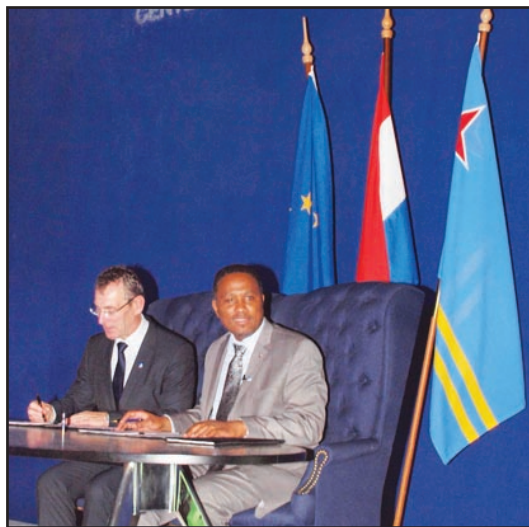
were Mr. Mart Bracht, Director of Energy for TNO, (Netherlands Organization Applied Scientific Research), Dutch Minister of the Interior, Piet Hein Donner and European Commissioner for Development, Andris Piebalgs.

A highlight of the evening, and closing the official ceremony, was the signing by Mr. Piebalgs and Aruba's Minister of Justice and Education, Arthur Dowers, of a Summary Plan Description on Education, with the 10th European Development Fund underwriting improvements to Aruba's school system.

Dr. Cheung did not speak at the opening ceremonies and left his mother, Yok Fun Cheung, to perform the unveiling of his name along with Prime Minister



Dr. Edward Chung with his Mom and Aruba's P.M.



Min. Dowers and EU Comm sign SPD on Education

However, when coming to in-

Andrew Hagens, a student at TU Delft and part of the team to develop this clean fuel car of the future.

Mart Bracht of TNO stated in his remarks that he is approached by countless people with interesting ideas for developing technologies, many of which he regards with some skepticism.

investigate the proposal of a TNO Caribbean Branch on Aruba, his imagination was immediately captured by what an ideal environment the island embodies for the development and testing of solar, wind and hydro energy solutions. Jan Ebbing of TNO will be their representative on Aruba, and he echoed Mr. Bracht's sentiments.

Prime Minister Eman expressed his great hope for the future of Aruba, which he described as becoming a tourism leader in the region since achieving autonomy within the Dutch Kingdom, but which now he feels must lead the way for other islands in achieving oil independence and protection of the environment. He cited young Aruba's next generation, such as Dr. Cheung and Andrew Hagens, showing the world the caliber of intellect and innovation of which Arubans are capable, as the future of the island and the region. He also expressed his heartfelt gratitude to those innovative individuals within the EU hierarchy who were willing to open their doors and minds to considering a small Caribbean island as a place for technological advancement, worthy of attention and assistance.

By Rosalie Klein



Dr. Edward Chung with all the dignitaries

liver images of the universe never seen before.

Island dignitaries and parliamentarians were all present for the opening ceremonies on Thursday evening at sunset. Also attending were representatives of institutions that will be headquartered within the Dr. Edward Cheung Center for Innovation. Addressing the gathering

Eman, Minister of Finance, Telecommunications, Utilities & Energy, Mike de Meza, Mr. Piebalgs and Minister Donner. The same gentlemen then triggered the fireworks marking the official opening of the building; a final flourish to the grand event was the dramatic arrival of the key to the front door the Forza Hydrogen Car, driven by Aruban



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Juliana (1948–1980)

Juliana reigned from 1948 until 1980, and whereas Wilhelmina reigned like a general, Juliana expressed a more motherly character. One of her first official acts was to sign the treaty of independence of the Dutch colony Indonesia.

Beatrix (1980–present)

The Dutch royal family today is much larger than it has ever been. Queen Beatrix and her husband, the late prince Claus, have three sons, Willem-Alexander, Friso and Constantijn. Her sister Margriet and her spouse Pieter van Vollenhoven have four sons: Maurits, Bernhard, Pieter-Christiaan and Floris. Four of these seven princes as well as Margriet, are all (potentially) legal heirs to the throne, although the first right goes to the crown prince Willem Alexander and after him his daughters Catharina-Amalia, Alexia, Ariane, and then his brother Constantijn. Willem-Alexander

Willem-Alexander, Prince of Orange

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What do you wear to meet a queen?



Aruba's female dignitaries

For the general populace, the official greeting of HRM Queen Beatrix was done in school uniform, but for local dignitaries and their spouses, as well as the large number of

female parliamentarians that occupy a place in Aruba's 21-seat Parliament, dressing properly to chat with a queen is a matter of strict protocol and well as a fashion state-

ment that will later be examined and critiqued. For the men it is easy, a black or grey suit, white shirt, and orange tie, if you can find one.

Aruba's female dignitaries

rose the occasion with smart suits and elaborate millinery; gloves are also de rigueur. One government employee revealed that certain rules were relaxed considering the casual and rather warm tropical location: normally, women must wear pantyhose when meeting HRM Queen Beatrix, but this protocol was eliminated for the occasion.

Of course, extenuating circumstances seem to have also been forgiven, such as a local reporter breaking their shoe on the way from their car to the press box, with no recourse but to hobble around with one bare foot while photographing the Royal Family. Thankfully, all those so concerned about proper dress and behavior just took it in stride;



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International News

Islamist party celebrates election triumph



TUNIS (AFP) - The Islamist Ennahda party, flush from victory in Tunisia's first free elections, sounded a unifying note Friday and called for calm after violent protests in the town where the country's revolution began.

Ennahda chief Rached Ghannouchi reached out to all political forces following the election where his party took the most seats in an assembly

that will rewrite the constitution and appoint a president and a caretaker government.

"Democracy is for everyone," he told journalists. "We ask that all our brothers, whatever their political outlook, participate in the writing of the constitution and the installation of a democratic regime."

"The revolution didn't take place to destroy a state, but to destroy a regime," he said.

But as victory celebrations were under way, Ennahda offices in Sidi Bouzid, the birthplace of the Tunisian revolution, were targeted by youths upset after election authorities disqualified candidates belonging to a rival party.

Ghannouchi, speaking at party headquarters, called for calm as the interior ministry announced that a curfew would be imposed from 7:00 pm (1800 GMT) Friday to 5:00 am Saturday in the central Tunisian town.

The historic polls nine months after Ben Ali's ouster saw the Congress for the Republic (CPR) and Ettakatol emerge as the biggest parties on the splintered left, with 30 and 21 seats respectively. Both have said they were in coalition talks with Ennahda.

Boy rescued after 108 hours under Turkey quake rubble



ERCIS (AFP) - Rescuers Friday pulled a 12-year-old boy from the rubble of Turkey's earthquake after being trapped for 108 hours, as the death toll in the disaster rose to 576.

The end of Ferhat Tokay's ordeal gave fresh hope to res-

cue crews who have been working round the clock in sub-zero temperatures, while concerns deepened about the plight of survivors.

Hopes of finding more people alive in the rubble had been fading fast before the res-

cue of 18-year-old Imdat Padak late Thursday, followed a few hours later by Ferhat, both in the worst-hit town of Ercis where scores of buildings collapsed.

Television footage showed a rescue worker shading Ferhat's eyes as he was brought to the surface to protect him from the floodlights used by the emergency teams.

Both of the young survivors were rushed to a field hospital in Ercis and later airlifted by helicopter to nearby hospitals for further treatment, media reports said.

According to the latest update from the government's emergency service, 187 people have been pulled out alive from the debris.

Morocco court sentences Marrakesh bomber to death

SALE (AFP) - A Moroccan court on Friday convicted nine men over an April bomb attack that ripped through a Marrakesh cafe packed with European tourists and killed 17, sentencing the plot's ringleader to death.

The court gave a life sentence to Adil al-Atmani's top accomplice Hakim Dah, but relatives of those killed voiced outrage at the light sentences given to the seven other co-defendants, which ranged from three to four years.

In a closing hearing Thursday, Atmani's lawyer insisted his client was innocent and that he only confessed after being coerced.

Even though he ultimately retracted his confession and denied links to jihadist groups including Al-Qaeda's north Africa wing, the court ruled that Atmani should be executed, a penalty not carried out in Morocco since 1992.

When the verdict against him was read out, Atmani's sister began shouting, preventing the judge from reading the verdicts of the other defendants. She then fainted.

Prosecutors had also sought the death penalty against Dah, but the court gave him life in prison for his role in the blasts that killed eight French nationals, three Swiss citizens and three Moroccans in Marrakesh's bustling Djemaa El-Fna square.

Lawyers representing some of the victims had previously

asked the court not to issue death penalties, saying the accused should be given life instead, partly to deprive them of boasting that they will die as martyrs.

Atmani's lawyer argued that Moroccan courts should no longer be condemning people to death, as the country's new constitution, massively backed in a July referendum, invokes the "right to life".

Security sources said Atmani, 25, left two bags containing bombs on the cafe terrace and triggered the blasts with a mobile phone just after leaving.


He insisted he had never made explosive devices and even denied ever going to Marrakesh but he appeared hesitant when he was grilled on witness accounts that identified him on the day of the bombing.

The Marrakesh bombing was the deadliest in the north African kingdom since attacks in the coastal city of Casablanca in 2003 which killed 33 people and 12 suicide bombers.

Police described some of the convicts in the Marrakesh attack as "admirers of Al-Qaeda" and Moroccan authorities had initially blamed Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) for the bombing.

AQIM, behind a series of attacks and kidnappings in north Africa, denies responsibility.


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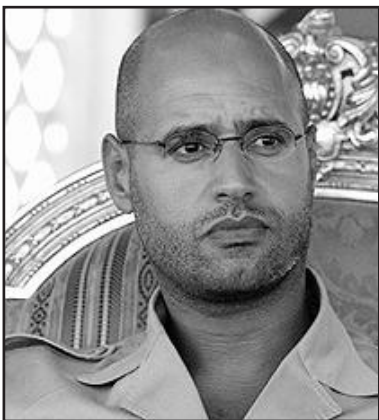
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International News

Kadhafi son in surrender talks as NATO ends Libya mission



DEN HAAG (AFP) - The International Criminal Court said Friday it was in contact with slain Libyan leader Moamer Kadhafi's son Seif al-Islam over his surrender, as NATO decided to end its mission in Libya.

Luis Moreno-Ocampo warned however the ICC learnt that a group of mercenaries have offered to move Seif to an African country which was a non-party to the ICC's founding document, the Rome Statute.

"Through intermediaries, we have informal contact with Seif," the prosecutor said in a statement, issued at the court's headquarters in The Hague.

"The Office of the Prosecutor has made it clear that if he surrenders to the ICC, he has the right to be heard in court, he is innocent until proven guilty," Moreno-Ocampo said. "The judges will decide."

He said after learning that a group of mercenaries offered to move Seif to an African state not bound to hand him over to the ICC, his office was

"exploring the possibility to intercept any plane within the airspace of a state party in order to make an arrest."

Seif, 39, and Kadhafi's security chief and brother-in-law Abdullah al-Senussi, 62, are the most wanted fugitives from the slain despot's ousted circle.

They are wanted by the ICC on charges of crimes against humanity, committed after the start of the uprising against Kadhafi's regime in mid-February. The ICC issued arrest warrants against Kadhafi, Seif and Senussi on June 27.

Interpol issued "red notices" for their arrest on September 9.

In Tripoli, interim justice and human rights minister Mohammed al-Allagi said Seif would be tried in Libya if he were caught there.

But the international justice director at New York-based Human Rights Watch said a fair trial in Libya could not be guaranteed.

A Libyan trial "on these complex crimes in a highly charged environment is not likely to render justice in an independent way", Richard Dicker told AFP.

He added that Kadhafi's "gruesome" death last week highlighted Libya's volatility, adding that "Seif al-Islam's appearance before the ICC will best ensure that justice is done."

Long the heir apparent to Kadhafi's regime, Seif was also referred to as his father's

"de facto prime minister", controlling the regime's finances and logistics, while Senussi controlled its security organs.

But the exact whereabouts of both Seif and Senussi remain unknown.

Seif was Tuesday poised to cross into Niger along with Senussi, his father's ex-intelligence chief, a Tuareg official was quoted as saying.

Senussi has passed from Niger into Mali, security sources from both countries said Thursday, with sources claiming he was under Tuareg protection.

It was not known whether Seif was travelling with his group.



Illegal gold mining has left at least 2,000 children with lead poisoning in several northern Nigerian villages, where 400 children have already died from contamination, an official said on Friday. They live in villages in Zamfara state where lethal levels of lead poisoning were reported in 2010 due to illegal gold mining. Lead has been dispersed in the villages by the processing of ore for gold extraction. The short-term effects of lead poisoning include acute fever, convulsions, loss of consciousness and blindness, with anaemia, renal failure and brain damage among the long-term effects. Illicit gold mining is more lucrative than agriculture for the impoverished farming communities.

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Canada senator wants polar bear as national emblem



OTTAWA (AFP) - A proposal to replace the beaver -- described by one senator as a "dentally defective rat" -- with a polar bear as Canada's national emblem provoked rebukes from across the nation Friday.

Senator Nicole Eaton called for adoption of the cold-loving polar bear, the world's largest walking carnivore, as a new symbol of Canada.

The lawmaker lauded the polar bear's "strength, courage, resourcefulness and dignity," calling it "Canada's most majestic and splendid mammal, holding reign over the Arctic for thousands of years."

Canadians, however, reacted venomously to the proposal.

"The beaver is a proud emblem that is represented throughout Canada," said one blog posting. "Why would anyone want to replace it with a carnivore that only lives in areas that are nearly uninhabitable by humans and may soon become extinct?"

Glynnis Hood of the University of Alberta and author of "The Beaver Manifesto" released last month, also defended the beaver as Canada's

emblem, telling the daily National Post that the buck-toothed rodent "represents tenacity, intelligence and an ability to survive even the harshest climates."

Others quipped that rights to the polar bear image would have to be bought from Coca-Cola, which uses it on cans sold in Canada.

The beaver only officially became a symbol of Canada in 1975, but it has a venerable place in the nation's history.

The polar bear, its supporters point out, appears on Canada's two-dollar coin, "making it worth 40 beavers."

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Science - Tech

Scientists take fresh look at 'faster-than-light' experiment



PARIS (AFP) - Scientists who threw down the gauntlet to physics by reporting particles that broke the Universe's speed limit said on Friday they were revisiting their contested experiment.

"The new test began two or three days ago," said Stavros Katsanevas, deputy head of France's National Institute for Nuclear Physics and Particle Physics, also called the IN2P3.

"The criticism is that the results we had were a statistical quirk. The test should help (us) address this," he told AFP.

On September 23, the team stunned particle physicists by saying they had measured neutrinos that travelled

around six kilometres (3.75 miles) per second faster than the velocity of light, determined by Einstein to be the highest speed possible.

The neutrinos had been measured along a 732-kilometre (454-mile) trajectory between the European Centre for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Switzerland and a laboratory in Italy.

Through a complex transformation, a few of the protons arrive at their destination as neutrinos, travelling through Earth's crust.

The scientists at CERN and the Gran Sasso Laboratory in Italy scrutinised the results of the so-called Opera experiment for nearly six months before making the announcement.

They admitted they were flummoxed and put out the begging bowl for an explanation. The results have not been published in a peer-reviewed journal.

Since then, an open-access online physics review, Arxiv, has had scores of papers submitted to it.

Some point to perceived technical glitches, noting that only a minute flaw in measurement would have had the neutrinos busting the speed of light.

Katsanevas said CERN was making available a special form of proton beam until November 6.

The idea is to assess a modified measurement technique.

If this works, the technique will be used in a bigger, "highly important" experiment that will be carried out in April, he said.

"The idea with the new beam is to have protons that are generated in packets lasting one or two nanoseconds with a gap between each packet of 500 nanoseconds," he said.

"We will be able to measure the neutrinos one by one, but to do this we need a beam that is a hundred times less intense than the previous one."

Samsung overtakes Apple to become world smartphone leader



-(AFP) - Samsung zoomed past Apple to take the smartphone crown in the third quarter, and become the biggest mobile phone maker by revenue, after it announced strong growth in its handset division as part of its quarterly results.

The company also said it expects strong sales of its smartphones in the coming quarter, with new models backed by Google due to debut in the UK and elsewhere during November.

The company was pipped though by Nokia, which re-

mains the world's largest seller of mobile handsets by volume. Apple meanwhile has dropped from being the biggest smartphone maker and mobile phone company by revenue in the second quarter to rank behind Nokia and Samsung in revenue.

In the second quarter, Apple was reckoned to have just outdistanced Samsung with 20m iPhones sold, but saw a rapid slowdown in the third quarter as would-be buyers awaited a new model, while Samsung piled on the pressure.

The gains in smartphones came despite the South Korean electronics giant being locked in a global patent battle with Apple, which began legal action in April against Samsung for what it says is uninhibited copying of its iPhone and iPad designs.

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Aspirin slashes cancer rate for those with hereditary risk



PARIS (AFP) - Long-term, daily doses of aspirin led to a fall of some 60 percent in cases of colorectal cancer among people with an inherited risk of this disease, the journal *The Lancet* reported.

The trial -- considered to be broad in sample and long in duration -- confirms evidence elsewhere that aspirin has a protective effect against cancer of the colon and rectum, it said.

The study enrolled patients with Lynch Syndrome, a fault in genes charged with cellular repair that leads to colorectal and other cancers.

Lynch Syndrome occurs in around one in 1,000 people and accounts for about one in 30 cases of bowel cancer, *The Lancet* said.

A total of 861 patients were randomly designated to take either two aspirins daily, for a dose of 600 mg, or a harmless dummy pill, known as a placebo, for at least two years. They were then regularly given colon exams.

When the data from this study were first examined in 2007, there was no difference in colorectal cancer incidence between the groups.

But things changed when the researchers checked again a few years later.

By this time, there had been 34 cases of colorectal cancer in the placebo group but 19 in the aspirin group -- a reduction in incidence of 44 percent.

The doctors then looked further at those patients (60 percent of the total) who had been taking the aspirin or the placebo beyond the two-year minimum.

In this sub-group, the figures were even more impressive.

There were 23 cancers in the placebo group, but only 10 in the aspirin group, amounting to a fall of 63 percent. The difference began to be seen after five years.

In the light of this discovery, further research has been launched to see what is the best dosage and duration of aspirin treatment.

"In the meantime, clinicians should consider aspirin prescription for all individuals judged to be at high risk of colorectal cancer, but taking appropriate measures to minimise adverse effects," says the paper, headed by John Burn, a professor of clinical

genetics at Newcastle University, northeastern England.

Last year, a study also published in *The Lancet*, found that rates of cancer of the colon, prostate, lung, brain and throat were all reduced by daily aspirin use. For the colon, the risk over 20 years declined by 40 percent.

Many doctors recommend regular use of aspirin to lower the risk of heart attack, clot-related strokes and other blood flow problems. A downside of extended daily use is the risk of stomach problems.

Marijuana users sue California over pot crackdown

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Californian medical marijuana advocates asked a federal court to halt a crackdown on pot outlets they say penalizes people who use the drug for genuine health reasons.

In its suit the Oakland-based advocacy group claims that the Justice Department is trying to dismantle California's medical marijuana laws with raids and increased criminal prosecutions.

While the federal government is entitled to enforce medical marijuana laws, Safe Access says the little cited 10th Amendment of the Constitution forbids it from using coercive tactics to hijack the state's lawmaking authority.

"I have no problem with the feds going after people who are truly using cannabis laws as a front for criminal activity," said Steve DeAngelo, founder of Oakland's Harbor-side Health Center, the largest medical marijuana dispensary on the West Coast.

"But they've also gone after some of the most respected people in the medical marijuana community."

"I don't just ask for something to kill the pain during the day," she said. "Every once in a while I have to ask for a giggle. You get tired of being the brave person." Carmel Mireles, a 56 year-old breast-cancer patient.



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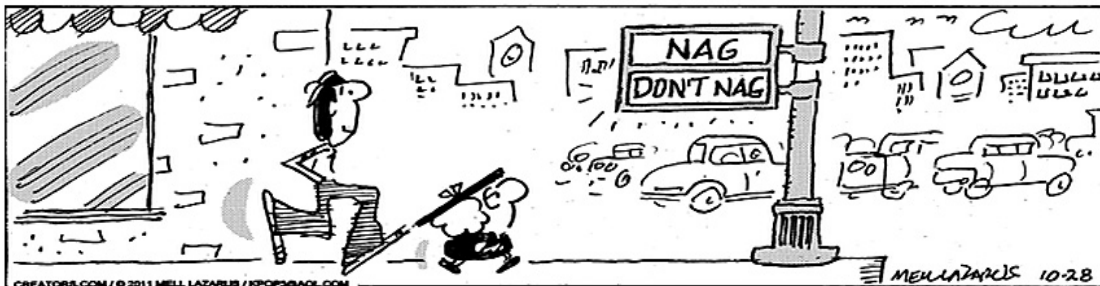
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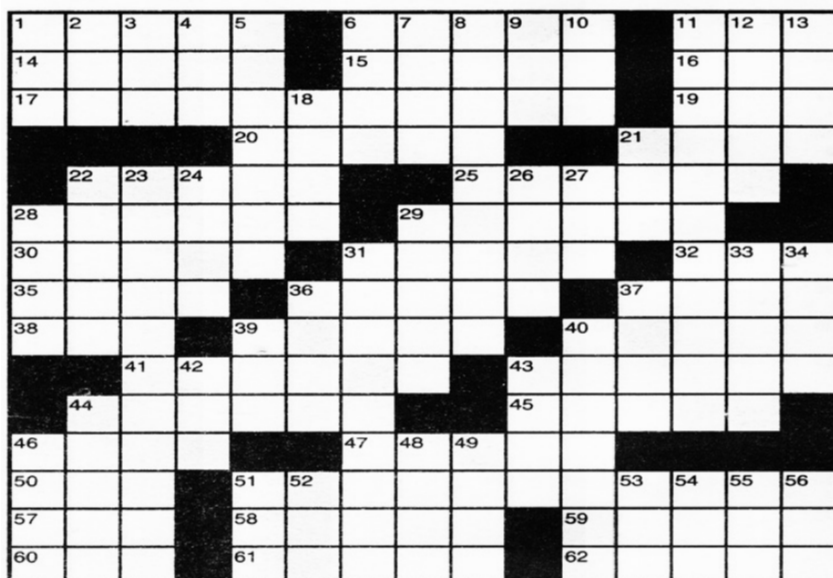
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30. Sweetened the pot
31. Become ready for picking
32. Children's chasing game

35. Decomposes
36. Confused fight
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41. Cooks beef
43. "Punch" cartoonist
44. Leonidas's home
45. Like newspaper prose
46. Creep
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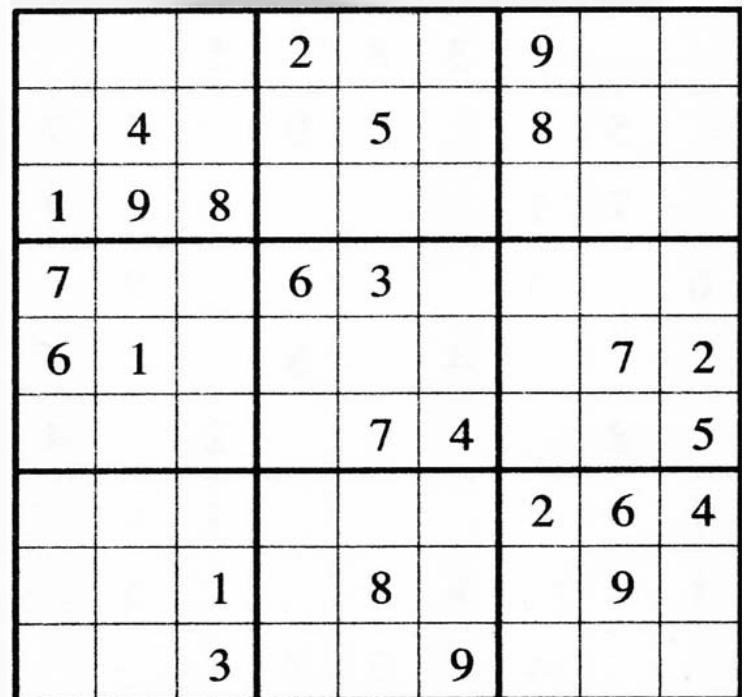
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Economy tests limits of US presidents' power

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama occupies the most powerful political office in the world, but when it comes to managing the economy he -- and his predecessors -- are more impotent than many Americans believe.

It is a truism of American politics that the president carries the can.

Whether it is a war going sour or a roaring legislative victory years in the making, as the sign on Harry Truman's desk put it: "The buck stops here."

Unfortunately for Barack Obama, the buck is stopping at 9.1 percent unemployment, record national debt and a measly growth rate of 2.5 percent.

It is a legacy that no incumbent in modern times has been able to overcome to retain the

presidency.

But how much can Obama or any US president actually manage the economy? Not much, according to some presidential historians.

"I think people do overestimate how much influence the president has over 'bottom line' indicators like GDP growth rates and unemployment rates," said Richard Carroll, author of "The President as Economist."

"It also seems that people do a poor job of apportioning responsibility to other institutions like the Fed and to the previous administration."

Although the constitution gives the president sweeping powers in many policy areas, in practice the White House has few economic tools that do not depend on another branch of

government.

Congress controls the purse strings of fiscal policy, while monetary policy is largely the domain of the Federal Reserve.

The limits of executive power are currently being seen in Washington.

Faced with a hostile Congress, Obama has been forced to abandon plans for a \$447 billion stimulus package.

Instead, he has announced a host of much smaller measures that can be done by executive order, including the creation of a website for business.

But according to Abshire, who now heads the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress, presidents do have one potent economic tool -- what Theodore Roosevelt called "the bully pulpit."

Oil prices ease at end of strong week

NEW YORK (AFP) - World oil prices fell Friday as investors took profits from bumper gains made during a week that saw the promise of a comprehensive plan to rescue the eurozone.

New York's main oil contract, light sweet crude for delivery in December, slipped 64 cents to \$93.32 a barrel.

Brent North Sea crude for

December lost \$2.17 to \$109.91.

The New York price was still well above the \$86.31 close of a week before, after encouraging news on growth in China and the United States, and Thursday's EU pact, fed expectations of firm demand.

Brent though was only slightly higher than the previous Friday's \$109.54 as the gap between the two benchmarks appeared to be narrowing.

Andy Lipow of Lipow Oil Associates said Friday's drop was also influenced by bearish new data on Japan's manufacturing sector.

"The oil market is probably going to look now ahead how the European Union is going to implement their program to reduce the debt," he added.

Prices continued to benefit from the stronger euro, which rebounded sharply against the dollar this week with the news of the eurozone deal.

The euro traded in a narrow range Friday, barely down

against the greenback.

But analysts warned that there were still weaknesses in the market.

"The eurozone deal has provided short-term respite -- but the zone is far from being out of the woods and the threat of recession looms large," said analysts at the Vienna-based JBC Energy consultancy

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'Outdated' royal succession laws scrapped

LONDON (AFP) -Commonwealth nations on Friday agreed to scrap centuries-old laws barring first-born daughters or anyone married to a Roman Catholic from inheriting the British throne.

Prime Minister David Cameron said the agreement, unanimously backed by all 16 nations where Queen Eliza-

beth II is head of state, represented an "historic moment" for the monarchy.

He said the changes, which will have to be formally approved by the affected nations, would sweep aside "outdated rules (that) just don't make sense to us any more".

"We will end the male primogeniture rule so that in fu-

ture the order of succession should be determined simply by the order of birth," Cameron told reporters at a meeting of Commonwealth leaders in the western Australian city of Perth.

-Cameron has the political support to make the changes in Britain but needed approval from the 15 other Common-

wealth realms, including Canada, Australia, New Zealand and smaller nations in the Caribbean and the Pacific.

He said there had been talk about changing the succession rules for some time but organising reform across so many countries was a complex issue.

The succession debate intensified with the wedding in April of Prince William, the second in line to the throne, and Catherine Middleton.

He said the monarch would still have to be Protestant because he or she heads the Church of England.

"But it is simply wrong that they should be denied the chance to marry a Catholic if they wish to do so, after all they're already quite free to marry someone of any other faith," he added.

Roman Catholics, or anyone who weds a Catholic, were barred from ascending to the throne in the 1701 Act of Settlement, which specifically excludes "those who shall profess the popish religion or shall marry a papist".



The law also formalised the policy of male primogeniture, although the tradition dates back even further to feudal times and beyond.

Under the law, female heirs to the throne are passed over if younger male heirs are available. Queen Elizabeth II was crowned in 1953 only because she did not have any brothers.

There has been a reluctance to press the issue in the past, partly due to concern that tinkering with the rules may encourage republican movements in countries such as Australia.

However, the monarchy has enjoyed a surge in popularity in the wake of William and Catherine's marriage, with adoring crowds greeting the queen on her current tour of Australia.

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- Use sunscreen even on hazy or overcast days.

- Keep an extra bottle of sunscreen in the car.

- Pack a bottle of sunscreen in your child's bag.

- Use Sunglasses that block UV rays and protect the eyes and the surrounding tender skin.



Important recommendations:

- Wear protective clothing when out in the sun. Choose shirts and slacks made of tightly woven fabrics that you can't see through when held up to light.

- Cover up with Hats. Choose hats that shade your child's face, neck and ears.

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- Play in the Shade. The sun's rays are generally strongest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If your children are outdoors, make sure their skin is protected.

- Teach your children the shadow rule. When outside, if your shadow is shorter than you are, it means that the sun is high in the sky and the UV rays are most intense.

- Protect children younger than 6 months of age with clothing and keep them in the shade.

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Aaron and Manager Marc Anthony

Expatriates residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basi-

cally 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato... whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are made from hand-cut fresh Idaho potatoes, is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batter-dipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs, they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner – daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is



available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner or Manager Marc Anthony when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger, they are definitely worth a visit

Michael Jackson is world's top dead earner

(AFP) For a second straight year Michael Jackson is the world's top dead earner, according to a macabre list compiled by Forbes magazine of stars whose earning power remains undiminished beyond the grave.

The King of Pop, who died two years ago at the age of 50, brought in \$170 million for his estate over the past 12 months, enough to place him ahead of every other pop music act of the past year -- both living and dead -- except for Irish rock band U2.

Elvis came in second place, earning \$55 million,

thanks to his evergreen songbook and a hit Las Vegas stage production featuring his tunes mounted by Cirque de Soleil.

In third place was movie siren Marilyn Monroe, who had \$27 million in earnings over the past year.

"Peanuts" cartoon creator Charles Schulz was fourth while Beatles' legend John Lennon tied for fifth place with screen goddess Elizabeth Taylor, both earning \$12 million.

While much of Lennon's revenues came as payment from other musicians performing his music, Taylor's

largely came from her best-selling perfume White Diamonds. The fragrance had gross sales of \$54 million in the United States in 2010, according to industry experts cited by Forbes.

Taylor's estate also appears likely to net handsomely from a December sale later this year by the Christie's auction house featuring the late actress's jewels, art work and gowns. Experts said it could fetch \$30 million.

Forbes compiles its list by consulting agents, lawyers and other experts.

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NFL: Patriots visit Steelers in mid-season showdown

PITTSBURGH (AFP) - Tom Brady will try to extend his mastery over the Pittsburgh Steelers when he leads the New England Patriots into the US Steeltown for a crucial National Football League game on Sunday.

The Patriots are 6-1 against the Steelers with Brady as their starting quarterback, including triumphs in their past four meetings, and New England's attack is the NFL's most prolific so far this season with Brady at the helm.

"It's just execution," Brady said. "It's guys getting open and us completing (pass plays). I don't think there's (some) special thing we do. There's no magic dust we put in our cereal in the morning."

Brady has looked magical at times in throwing nine touchdowns in his personal four-game win streak against Pittsburgh, which includes a victory to reach the 2005 Super Bowl. Brady has four triumphs in five games at Pittsburgh.

"The Steelers are tough to beat at home," Brady said. "The times that we beat them we've had to play very good games. That's what I'm probably most proud of. Some of our greatest games have been against them."

Both division leaders are on

three-game win streaks. The Patriots, atop the AFC East division at 5-1, are coming off a bye week while the Steelers, atop the AFC North at 5-2, won 32-20 last week at Arizona.

New England leads the NFL in total offense with 474.5 yards a game and tops the passing totals with 350.5 yards a game. Brady tops the American Conference with 2,163 passing yards and 16 touchdowns and his top receiver, Wes Welker, leads the NFL with 51 catches and ranks second with 785 reception yards.

The Steelers boast the NFL's second-best pass defense, allowing 171.9 yards a contest. They rank third in overall defense, surrendering 279 yards a game.

"They give everybody problems," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "They give you a lot of different looks and they have a lot of good players. They have different skills. They get a lot of mileage out of everybody."

Brady completed 30 of 43 passes for 350 yards and three touchdowns, all to tight end Rob Gronkowski, and ran for another touchdown last year in a 39-26 victory at Pittsburgh.

"You're always going to keep that in the back of your

head that you have to beat this team because of what happened (last year)," Steelers receiver Mike Wallace said.

If the Patriots win, it will give the coach-QB combination of Belichick and Brady 117 victories, moving them past the former Miami tandem of coach Don Shula and Dan Marino as the all-time winningest such duo.

"You just have to play ball, you don't play history," Pittsburgh receiver Jericho Cotchery said. "It's not Steelers versus history. It's Steelers versus Patriots."

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who has lost four of six career meetings with the Patriots, will test a New England defense that ranks worst in the NFL, yielding 322.2 yards a game.

"Those are just numbers," Roethlisberger said. "It's not indicative of who they are. It's really because their offense is scoring so many points and other teams are trying to catch up."

Pittsburgh coach Mike Tomlin has made sure "Big Ben" and his teammates are



Tom Brady will try to extend his mastery

not taking the Patriots' defenders lightly.

"If you come in and you think they are the 32nd best defense in football you are kidding yourself," Tomlin said. "They are whacking people pretty good. People are throwing the ball every down and they accumulate some yards. It's insignificant."

Undefeated Green Bay, 7-0, is idle this week, as are Chicago, Oakland, Tampa Bay, Atlanta and the New York Jets.

The only other 5-1 team besides New England, NFC West

leader San Francisco, will play host to Cleveland (3-3).

Sunday's other games find Dallas at Philadelphia, Arizona at Baltimore, New Orleans at St. Louis, Indianapolis at Tennessee, Jacksonville at Houston, Miami at the New York Giants, Minnesota at Carolina, Detroit at Denver, Cincinnati at Seattle and Washington versus Buffalo at Toronto.

San Diego will visit Kansas City on Monday night, when a victory by the host Chiefs would leave both clubs level with Oakland atop the AFC West.

SPORTS BREAKING NEWS

NBA cancels all games through November
Commissioner David Stern announced the cancellation of games through November. And, he said, in effect, the league and players have lost the shot at getting in a full season. It's not practical, possible or prudent to have a full season now," said Stern, who projected several hundred millions of dollars in losses without games in November, on top of the \$200 million lost without the preseason. He said the NBA's "next offer will reflect extraordinary losses that are starting to pile up."

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Freese forces game seven for Cards

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St. Louis Cardinals' David Freese is welcomed home by his team after hitting a solo home run to defeat the Texas Rangers in Game 6.

La Russa, who has been managing 31 years, said it was one of the most emotional and thrilling games he has been involved in. At one point late in the contest with the Rangers ahead, he told some of his players to get ready to go on the field together to salute the home fans at Busch Stadium one final time.

"They wanted us to say thanks to the fans so there

were a couple of times in the ninth and tenth inning with two outs I was forced to tell my players 'go down to the bullpen'"

"We went from that to celebrating. That's a big emotional change," La Russa added. "I would prefer not to do it (win) this way."

The Rangers, who are in their 51st year, will have to wait one more day to try and

end Major League Baseball's third-longest World Series drought. Only the Chicago Cubs and Cleveland Indians have gone longer without winning a title.

Adrian Beltre and Cruz blasted back to back homers in the top of the seventh to give the Rangers a 6-4 lead Thursday.

Ian Kinsler also drove in a run with a single in the top of the seventh as Texas took their biggest lead of the contest 7-4 and appeared to be in control late in the game.

But the Cardinals fought back by scoring one run in the eighth on an Allen Craig home run to cut the Texas lead to two.

Freese then tied it at 7-7 in the bottom of the ninth with his two-run triple against Rangers ace closer Neftali Feliz who had converted all six of his save opportunities in the post-season heading into game six.

Texas is attempting to win the World Series after losing in the finals last year in five games to the San Francisco Giants.

Lance Berkman went three-for-five with three RBI and Yadier Molina drove in two runs for the Cardinals who sent the Fall Classic to a decisive

game for just the fifth time in the last 23 World Series.

La Russa went to his bullpen early and often in the contest. Starter Jaime Garcia lasted just three innings and gave up five hits and two runs before being pulled.

A hobbled Hamilton went three-for-six and drove in three runs for the Rangers who are attempting to become the 10th team in the last 11 years to win a World Series.

Hamilton is playing through the pain of a injured groin which had been limiting his power until Thursday when he blasted a 406-foot homer to right field.



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NBA: Talks end with no deal on how to divide money

(AFP) - Talks between NBA players and club owners concluded on Friday with no agreement on a new contract and diminished hope that a lockout that has reached 120 days will be resolved soon. Owners demand a 50-50 split but players, who had 57 percent under the old deal, want no less than 52 percent. Neither side budged in a third consecutive day of negotiations after progress had been made on salary cap and luxury tax issues in a 15-hour session Wednesday and a meeting half that length on Thursday. With NBA commissioner David Stern saying a month will be needed between the completion of a deal and the opening tip-off of the season, a season that was to have started on Tuesday now figures to open in December at the earliest. The door also appears about to close on any chance of playing a full season of 82 games per club even in a compressed timeframe, ensuring lost salary for players and lost television revenue and ticket income for club owners. Team owners locked out players on July 1 after the old contract expired. Club owners claim that only eight of 30 clubs are profitable and the rest lost a combined \$450 million last season.

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Freese forces game seven for Cards

ST. LOUIS (AFP) - David Freese emphatically stamped his presence on the 107th World Series with a walk-off home run in extra innings as the St. Louis Cardinals edged the Texas Rangers 10-9 to force a game seven in the 107th World Series.

Freese's walk-off homer to centre field in the bottom of the 11th inning capped a wild see-saw battle that levelled the World Series at three games each.

"We never quit trying," said Cardinals veteran manager Tony La Russa. "I know it sounds kind of corny. The dugout was alive, even when we were behind."

The Cardinals will try to win their 11th World Series championship in franchise history and first since 2006 at home at Busch Stadium.

Freese's dramatic blast off

Rangers reliever Mark Lowe in front of a crowd of 47,325 sets up the first World Series game seven in nine years.

He pounded it deep into the right field corner just out of the reach of a charging Texas outfielder Nelson Cruz.

"I just concentrated and hit it," said Freese. "I initially thought Cruz was going to grab it. It is incredible to be part of this."

Earlier in the four hour 33 minute marathon game, Freese hit a two-out, two-run triple to right field that tied the game 7-7, sending it into extra innings.

Matt Harrison will pitch for the Rangers in game seven and La Russa said he had not ruled out using his ace Chris Carpenter on short rest in a game seven.

It was a heartbreaking loss for Texas who had the Cardinals on the ropes for much of the

contest. The Rangers were just one strike away from winning the championship in both the ninth and 10th innings but the Cardinals refused to give up.

"I was just sitting there praying that we would get that last out and we didn't get it," said Rangers manager Ron Washington. "You have to tip your hat to the Cardinals. They took the game from us."

They appeared to be heading to their first World Series title in franchise history when Josh Hamilton blasted a two-run homer to right field in the top of the 10th inning to give the Rangers a 9-7 lead.

But the Cardinals chipped away at the Texas lead, scoring two runs in the 10th to tie it and setting the stage for Freese to launch the 15th walk off home run in World Series history.

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NFL: US lawmakers prod union on HGH delay

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Two American lawmakers pushed their case to start human growth hormone testing of National Football League players, saying in a letter on Friday that the union appears to be stalling to delay the tests.

Darrell Issa, the Republican chairman of the US House of Representatives Oversight and Government Reform Committee, and Elijah Cummings, the top Democrat on the panel, wrote the letter to the NFL and its players' union.

The note came nine days after the NFL Players Association said it was not prepared to have blood samples taken by the NFL to begin the HGH test process, expressing concern over testing method safety and the fairness of findings.

"Unfortunately, it appears that the players' union may be using stall tactics to avoid complying with the collective bargaining agreement," the lawmakers wrote.

Union officials have said they seek more data regarding the reliability of HGH testing methods and what threshold should constitute a positive test for NFL players, many of whom are larger than the average American.

Lawmakers pressed their case two weeks ago at a Capi-

tol Hill hearing and warned that if there was no progress on implementing an HGH test process, a notion agreed upon in talks last July, that "we will be in touch with you shortly."

Sunday's games will mark the eighth weekend of the 17-week NFL season as most teams approach the midpoint of their four-month campaign.

"Every week of football played without a test endangers clean players and sends a message to young athletes that HGH is tolerated at the game's highest level," Cummings and Issa said in their letter.

While the lawmakers said they appreciate union concerns over potential false positives, the worry was not sufficient to delay HGH tests through a method that has been backed by global anti-doping officials.

Other lawmakers called for the House Energy and Commerce Committee to conduct hearings on the HGH test delay.

HGH occurs naturally in the body but it can be injected in synthetic form in a bid to boost muscle growth and aid recovery from injury.

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